

Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes for June 11th, 2022

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

The following definitions were read by:

12 Traditions: Shannon

12 Concepts: Haile (Haile read concept 6)

Definition of the ASC: Dottie

ROLL CALL

Administrative Roll Call: Present unless noted Not Present (NP)

Facilitator: Lois

Policy Chair: Open (Ad-hoc)

Co-Facilitator: Jim

LDO Chair: Jason

Treasure: Leeann

Alt LDO: **OPEN**

Alt. Treasure: **OPEN**

Activities Chair: Renee

Secretary: **OPEN**

H&I: Shannon

Alt. Secretary: **OPEN**

Webmaster: Rich

RCM I: NP

PR/Helpline Chair: NP

RCM II: Haile

GSR Roll Call:

Yana: Joe

Nature Coast Unity: Rolando

Recovery on the River: Barbara

No Matter What: Karen

Welcome Home: NP

Shot of Hope: Dottie

Quorum is met.

Others Present:

Joe

Jeannine

Alma

OPEN FORUM:

OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS:

Rolando addressed a motion to be put forth.

Renee- A couple of points to light there's and are in Policy that states "that subcommittees cannot make motions" and that violates our Concepts 7,8 ,9 & 12 because we need to do what we need to effectively run our subcommittees and we should be able to make motions. With that

being said, a donation that was made out to the campout, from activities, that \$1,000.00, we were running out of our prudent reserve at the time. And \$300.00 of that went to Region. Which, I don't dispute that at all. However, we were running in the red and I was always told to take care of our house first. And then we can better flow. I am just saying that maybe we need to check and make sure we are being responsible like, ok, with the RCM situation. RCM's can meet on Zoom until we come out of the red. There's just things we can do to make cuts. Right now, I have a committee that's divided. And I would also like to make a presentation concerning the funding that goes to the area at certain quarters. With that being said, my vision with activities is to have something happening, every month, to bring people in. Because I don't see people coming here to visit. There's nothing to bring them here. With that being said, the more support we get from outside, the better off we'll be. It's not that we don't have internal support, it's, we can do this. As not just a committee, as a body. I think we have one of the best subcommittees that I have seen in a while. They're all right and they're all willing to serve. So, with that being said, we need to make this happen without having a house divided because I'm...frightened. [personal matter brought up]. With that being said, this is why I serve on this committee. Even the reading Dottie just read specifically states "that while activities helps out the area, the funding should come from the area". I don't mind helping out the area. Like this last event we had, we voted the money we made would help fund the next event. So that we don't touch that campout fund. So, it's things like that. I'm trying to be responsible not just with funding, but I'm trying not eat up what we've got put aside because one of these events is going to lose money. It's food for thought. It's not an argument. It's not a huge discussion for me personally. For you all it's just food for thought.

Lois- Just a correction the last donation to Region was \$100.00 not \$300.00.

Rolando- That being said about subcommittee funds, I brought this up at the subcommittee meeting. We can streamline everything. Everything is funded by groups. There seems to be a lot of disunity because we can't seem to streamline these events. I suggested that we streamline the events, like group anniversaries being celebrated by the area. Some of the groups that aren't donating because they are trying to run an event, will be removed from the equation. You will have, basically, 5 or 6 events being able to run, already set, besides the campout. From my understanding, the campout money is not campout money, but activities money. I understand why it is created. But a \$1,500.00 budget is a pretty big budget to run events on a monthly basis. My understanding is that not any one person makes the decision.

Barbara- First of all, every group is autonomous. So, saying that, we can celebrate our group anniversary on our own. It's not an area event, nor will it become an area event. Thank you for bringing that up.

Rolando- That's the thing, I feel, that we constantly fight within. That we can't seem to change and create unity because we say we can't. A lot of people would like to see change and don't like the fighting they see. I don't understand why we as an Area can't celebrate stuff like that. I am just trying to put something out there that would resolve these issues.

Alma- I would like to finish that whole process on Barbara saying that every group is autonomous "Except- Except" when it causes conflict and affects NA as a whole. And, obviously, this area is divided amongst groups. I understand the Area not funding the groups because each group is autonomous. But, we have to come together at some point and figure something out. I am not saying that seeing area funding the group activities, because I have

never seen that happen, ever, in NA. But, what I see is what Rolando is saying as the second part of what Barbara was putting out there. It's about unity and fixing the conflict that goes on.

Haile- I am really confused as to what is really going on. I am hearing different things about funding and the monies and events. I really am not sure what the actual issue is.

Rolando- The issue is having events done on a monthly basis. What I am saying is put forth 5 or 6 events by celebrating the groups as an area event. Donations not being made to the area are being complained about because groups are holding back for funding their events.

Haile- I like what you said. Thank you. Also, more will be revealed. Sometimes we can be prudent with things, as taught us, we can be prudent to help do unity to attract people to come. (Verbalized how their group used their funds and were prudent in recording the monies. Also advised of a sizable donation from their activity)

Dottie- So, the money donated in the basket is supposed to go to rent, literature and Area to carry the message to the still suffering addict. So, you're not supposed to use the money in the basket towards events, unless you say that's what the money is going for, or use a separate basket to support events.

Renee- Only because the topic that Rolando brought up requires reading in our literature, especially when you look at the surface structure of NA. Our pyramid is this. Our pyramid is the groups. The groups don't need to explain to area what they do, because that's the group's autonomy. However, the group funds do not fall under autonomy because we have to be responsible for what they do. Everything starts and ends with the groups. Area does not fund group events. They only fund events through activities. It requires reading the literature to understand how the funds work in the area.

Joe- My 2 cents in. The 4th tradition says the groups "should be autonomous" except in matters affecting other groups "OR" NA as a whole. So, there's a lot in there.

Barbara- First of all, you can't tell people which meeting to show up at. That has nothing to do with the area. Second of all, we are not the first group that held back funds for an activity. And, second of all, we had a great turn out. We had over 60 people at our event. I don't feel like any group is isolated because any member has a right to go to any group.

Jim- It was brought up last month when Rolando talked about funds and the men's fish fry. I think I said it then and I am going to say it again. I feel everyone is saying it in different ways here. If I am going to a group, and I am donating to the 7th tradition, if I don't know that the money is going for something else, I don't feel that there is full clarity on what I am donating to. I think there needs to be transparency. If there's transparency, it lets people know. Hence, why the 2nd basket would be passed around for a function or something. I feel that could be an un-unifying thing. If people go to groups and find out that groups are holding back monies, for something other than the 7th tradition, then I find out monies were going to a certain function, and not help out area where I thought it was going, I may not be willing to donate at that group in the future. Just something to think about.

Lois- I don't feel this area is divided. I love every group just because my life-style, distance. I hate to hear people say this area is divided. I don't feel that way and would like to think others don't feel that way. The other thing is, I have a little problem. I was trying to look up old motions. When I went on the computer, to Nature Coast, when I click on a link it takes me to current when I am looking up past minutes/ motions.

Rich- Today, we're here at Area for June. By the time I get the minutes, it's July.

Lois- How do I look at old minutes and motions from over a year ago.

Haile- I have the past few years in containers at my house.

So, basically, what we should have done, when donating for our 7th Tradition we should have mentioned the donations going to a function?

Barbara- That's what we used to do. I don't know when we got away from that. People knew we were having the function. I have been announcing it for the past 3 months.

Renee- What I do is, each month, I download the minutes to my computer.

Joe- You have guys like me and Joe and Rolando, can we get somebody from the outside to work with us on Concepts and do workshops? Once again, I feel this would promote unity.

Rolando- Again, the thing was about the funds and I brought this up at our group. Who was holding the funds and who made the decisions. I am still not sure why the Area doing the celebrations can't happen.

Motion to close ROTR 2nd by NMW

Open forum is closed.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Will make a new email address for the secretary position at Area.

New email is: ncascsecretary22@gmail.com

RCM REPORT: Haile-

See attached and Fliers

Accepted by ROTR; 2nd NMW

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Verbal/ Written report given by Shannon

"Springbrook is going well. Still need support in order to commit to Lifestream. Subcommittee will meet this month on June 26 at 1:15 at Club Recovery due to FRCNA.

Accepted by ROTR; 2nd by Shot of Hope

ACTIVITIES: Verbal/Written report by Renee.

(Report Attached)

Accepted by ROTR 2nd by NMW

POLICY (Ad Hoc): Barbara

Accepted , 2nd

PUBLIC RELATIONS/HELPLINE: Report sent in via text by Roland *On Vacation*. (See below)

“Only 2 calls since last meeting and both were answered.....nothing to report for PR but more will be revealed at next month’s meeting. Thanks. In loving service, Roland” (via text message).

Accepted-Shot of Hope, 2nd- NCU

LDO: Verbal/Written report given by Jason

(Report attached)

Report:

Previous Inventory Balance \$1488.44

Literature Order + \$44.86

Group Order - \$263.31

Total Inventory = \$1269.99

Accepted by ROTR; 2nd by- NMW

WEBMASTER: Verbal by Rich.

(Report Attached)

Accepted by ROTR; 2nd NMW

[Short Break taken]

GSR REPORTS

Group Name: **Yana**

GSR: Bruce- NP

Alt. GSR: Joe

Donation to Area: \$30.00

Literature Order: \$8.40

of Home Group Members: 4

Average Attendance: 6

Average Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments: No area minutes received

Group name: **Shot of Hope**

GSR: Nick- NP

Alt. GSR: Dottie

Donation to Area: \$52.30

Literature Order: \$27.70

of Home Group Members: 6

Average Attendance: 6

Average Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Shannon celebrating 4 years Sept. 01

Group Challenges/Comments: Need support

Group Name: **Recovery on the River**

GSR: Barbara
Alt. GSR: Open
Donation to Area: \$400.00
Literature Order: \$00.00
of Home Group Members: 8
Average Attendance: 6
Average Newcomers: 2
Changes to Group Information: Celebration picnic was over 60 people, successful.
Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Haile 5 Years, August 11. Will celebrate on 08/12/22

Group Challenges/Comments: Group needs support.

Group Name: **Nature Coast Unity**

GSR: Rolando
Alt. GSR: Dennis
Donation to Area: \$43.00
Literature Order: \$119.00
of Home Group Members: 14
Average Attendance: 14
Average Newcomers: 2
Changes to Group Information:
Group Anniversaries/Announcements: July 1st- Carrol 17 yrs
Group Challenges/Comments:

Group Name: **Welcome Home (NP)**

GSR: Robert
Alt. GSR:
Donation to Area: \$
Literature Order: \$
of Home Group Members: 5
Average Attendance: 4-6
Average Newcomers:
Changes to Group Information:
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments: Always need support

Group Name: **No Matter What**

GSR: Karen
Alt. GSR: Cindy
Donation to Area: \$76.20

Literature Order: \$42.20

of Home Group Members: 10

Average Attendance: 7-8

Average Newcomers: 3

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments: Need support Wed at 7 and Sun at 4. Nature Coast Unity Church in Homosassa.

OLD BUSINESS:

Group Treasure Report Vote from previous month:

Treasurer Report brought back to groups from May accepted.

OLD MOTION REVIEW:

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW MOTIONS:

061122.01- Failed

061122.02- Email created for NCASM secretary meetings- Passed by all GSR's present.

061122.03- Sent back to Home groups to vote on. {See Attached}

Activities flier approved.

NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS:

No new nominations.

Positions still open Below

Please announce the positions that are still open at Area and that we need support!!!

<u>Position</u>	<u>Clean Time Requirement</u>
Secretary	1 year

Alt Sec	6 months
Alt LDO	9 months
Policy	2 years
Alt Treasure	2 years

Common Requirements for all Area positions are as follows:

- 1. Willingness to serve*
- 2. Have prior service experience*
- 3. Working knowledge of the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions of NA*
- 4. Ability to lead, communicate and organize*
- 5. Able to give time and resources*

For additional detailed requirements for each position, please review the policy on our website.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report was given by Leeann. (see attached)
April's Report accepted.

Donation to Region: \$00.00

Donation to World: \$00.00

REPORT THAT IS ATTACHED NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO HOMEGROUPS BY GSR'S TO BE VOTED ON PER NATURE COAST POLICY! PLEASE HAVE HOMEGROUPS VOTE TO ACCEPT OR NOT ACCEPT TREASURE REPORT EACH MONTH.

REMINDERS!!!

1. Have Literature Orders and funds ready to be turned in before the start of Area Business!
2. Area needs support.
3. Please do not forget to vote to accept the Treasure Report attached to minutes.
4. ALL Meetings, ROTR, No Matter What, Nature Coast Unity Welcome Home, and YANA meetings all need support!!!
5. **Motion 061122.03** needs to be discussed and voted on. See attached
6. Regional events happening. See attached fliers.

REVIEW BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:

Waived by ROTR, 2nd NCU

PLANS FOR NEXT ASC MEETING: The next ASC meeting will be on July 09, 2022.

Location will be at the same location in Floral City.

CLOSING: Motion to close made by Barbara 2nd by NCU.

Closed with the Serenity Prayer